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SUBJ: VISA FRAUD- CHARLES MARQUEZ

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1. MANUEL PATINO, FATHER OF OSCAR PATINO, INTERVIEWED AND REFUTES RUBIEL VELEZ ALLEGATION.

2. TIBERIO JARAMILLO INTERVIEWED AND ALSO DENIES RUBIEL VELEZ ALLEGATIONS.

3. PREPONDERENCE OF EVIDENCE NOW INDICATES VELEZ LYING BUT HIS REASON UNKNOWN. NO EVIDENCE UNCOVERED TO DATE TO INDICATED MARQUEZ RECEIVED MONEY FOR VISAS.

4. RAMIRO VARGAS INTERVIEWED AND ADMITS RECEIVING 4 TO 5 VISAS A WEEK FROM MARQUEZ AND GIVING ONLY MINOR GIFTS IN RETURN. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE OFFERED MARQUEZ \$25,000 PESOS (DOLLARS \$1,000) U. S.) AT ONE TIME WHICH MARQUEZ REFUSED.

5. MIGUEL MANCHOLO INTERVIEWED AND ADMITS OBTAINING APPROXIMATELY 60 VISAS FROM MARQUEZ AND GIVING MARQUEZ ONLY A GIFT COSTING 250 PESOS (\$10,00 U. S.) AND A WATCH COSTING \$22.00 U. S. TO FORMER CONSULATE EMPLOYEE JOSE MUNOZ.

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6. ELENA DE HERRERA ADMITS ATTEMPTING TO SELL A MARQUEZ VISA FOR FORMER DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY SECRETARY MERCEDES DE MURIEL FOR \$4,000 PESOS (\$160 U. S.) HOWEVER CLAIMS TO BE UNAWARE OF MURIEL- MARQUEZ RELATIONSHIP.

7. ROBERT MILLERD, VISA FIXER, ALLEGEDLY INFORMED FABIO GARCIA A. THAT HE TOOK PASSPORTS AND MONEY TO HOME OF FORMER CALI VICE CONSUL MANEUL GUERRA AND RETURNED TO OBTAIN VISAS. MILLERD WAS INTERVIEWED AND REFUSED TO REPEAT THIS STATEMENT INDICATING TO GARCIA HE IS AFRAID OF CONSEQUENCES.

8. MARQUEZ INVESTIGATION ABOUT COMPLETED AND ORR INVESTIGATION BEGINS. HOWEVER IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO INVOLVE AS MUCH INVESTIGATIVE TIME AS MARQUEZ INVESTIGATION.
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